
THE ACTS CHURCH 2:42
"EXPERIENCE REAL CHURCH"

December 15, 2013

TEXT: *Luke 1:26-38 KJV*

And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, (27) To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. (28) And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women. (29) And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be. (30) And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. (31) And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. (32) He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: (33) And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end. (34) Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? (35) And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God. (36) And, behold, thy cousin Elisabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren. (37) For with God nothing shall be impossible. (38) And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her.

(37) **For with God nothing shall be impossible**

INTRO: *How Big Is Your God?*

He is the Creator of Heaven and Earth

Colossians 1:9-19 KJV

For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; (10) That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God; (11) Strengthened with all might, ***according to His glorious power***, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness; (12) Giving thanks unto ***the Father,***

which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: (13) Who hath ***delivered us from the power of darkness***, and hath ***translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son***: (14) In whom ***we have redemption through His blood***, even the forgiveness of sins: (15) Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: (16) For ***by Him were all things created***, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: ***all things were created by Him***, ***and for Him***: (17) And ***He is before all things***, and ***by Him all things consist***. (18) And ***He is the head of the body, the church***: who is ***the beginning, the firstborn from the dead***; that in all things ***He might have the preeminence***. (19) For it pleased the Father that ***in Him should all fulness dwell;***

Stuart Hamblen

Though men may strive to go beyond the reach of space
To crawl beyond the distant shining stars
This world's a room so small within my Master's house
The open sky's but a portion of his yard.

How big is God, how big and wide is His domain
To try to tell these lips can only start
He's big enough to rule his mighty universe
Yet small enough to live within my heart.

How Big Is Your God?

I. *Gabriel Proclaims God's Gift*

Luke 1:31-33 KJV

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A teenage girl who was a virgin, engaged to be married is going to conceive – **without ever being with a man**?

Isaiah 7:14 KJV

Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, **a virgin shall conceive**, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

The Holy Spirit set up the story with the story of John the Baptist's birth to a couple that was too old to conceive

Luke 1:7 + 36-37 KJV

And they had no child, because that Elisabeth was barren, and they both were now **well stricken in years**.

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II. *How shall this?*

Luke 1:34-37 KJV

(34) Then said Mary unto the angel, ***How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?*** (35) And the angel answered and said unto her, ***The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee***: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God. (36) And, behold, thy cousin Elisabeth, she hath also conceived a son ***in her old age***: and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren. (37) For ***with God nothing shall be impossible***.

The Holy Ghost shall come…

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III. *Be It Unto Me According To Thy Word*

Reminder from last week

John 2:5 KJV

His mother saith unto the servants, Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it.

Obedience Always Precedes Blessings

Would you send that message to God?

Whatever You say I will Do!

Be it unto Me According to Thy Word!!!

How you answer tells the world

How Big Is Your God?

My God….

Created the Universe
Healed the sick and raised the dead
Walked in the midst of the fire and delivered the three Hebrew Children
Gave Daniel the Dream and Interpretation for a King who was in need
Shut the mouths of the lions and delivered Daniel
Gave the giant Goliath over to the hands of a boy named David

My God….

Gave the armies of four Kings to Jehoshaphat without having to fight
Turned the Philistines over to Gideon when his army had no weapons
Walked on the water – spoke to the wind and the waves – brought peace

My God….

Sent His only begotten Son into the world He created to provide salvation from sin and everlasting life for those who would call upon His name

They called Him Jesus – because He would save His people from their sin

They called Him Emmanuel, God with us – He is God before Genesis and
He will remain God beyond Revelation

Throughout eternity ***He is God and He Is Great!***

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